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1. HAVANA RADIO CHARGES THAT TWO CARGO SHIPS, OUTWARD BOUND FROM CUBA, ONE CUBAN AND THE OTHER BRITISH, WERE ATTACKED 11 SEPT OFF NORTHERN COAST OF CUBA. WE HAVE INFO THAT AN EXILE GROUP CALLED ALPHA-66 (BASED IN PUERTO RICO) PROBABLY DID THE JOB. STUDENT EXILE GROUP IN MIAMI LAST WEEKEND PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO ATTACK BLOC SHIPS MOVING IN AND OUT OF CUBA. THERE IS GROWING MOOD OF FRUSTRATION AMONG REFUGEES AND DANGER OF UNILATERAL OPERATIONS AND INCIDENTS IS LIKEWISE GROWING.

ASSUME YOU NOTING IN PRESS THE SOVIET STATEMENT ISSUED 11 SEPT MAKING SWEEPING CHARGES THAT US PREPARING CUBA INVASION AND WARNING THAT "IF THIS ATTACK IS MADE, THIS WILL BE BEGINNING OF UNLEASHING OF WAR." IMPLICATIONS OF THE 4,000-WORD STATEMENT UNDER STUDY. WILL ADVISE YOU FURTHER

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2. REF YOUR REQUEST THAT BNE EXAMINE IMPLICATIONS
OF DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT. FOLLOWING IS PRELIM BNE STATEMENT:

"WHOLE QUESTION SOV MOTIVATIONS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE
REASONS WHY SOVS MIGHT CONSIDER INSTALLATION MRBMS, BEING
EXAMINED IN SNIE BEING DRAFTED FOR USIB NEXT WEEK. BNE
STILL PERSUADED THAT COSTLY CRASH OPERATION TO INSTALL SA-2S
IS MORE REASONABLY EXPLAINED BY OTHER THAN DESIRE TO HIDE
LATER BUILDUP AND THAT SOVS LIKELY TO REGARD ADVANTAGES OF
MAJOR OFFENSIVE BUILDUP NOT EQUAL TO DANGERS OF US INTERVENTION.
CUBA LEAKING LIKE SIEVE FROM GROUND OBSERVATION ALONE. THUS
SUDDEN CRACKDOWN ON REFUGEE FLOW AND LEGAL TRAFFIC WOULD
BE STRONG INDICATOR OF POSSIBLE DESIRE TO UNDERTAKE FURTHER
MILITARY BUILDUP IN SECRET."

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4. AS FIRST STEP IN REDUCING THAI DEPENDENCE ON US, THAI CABINET CONSIDERING SIGNING TRADE TREATY WITH SOVIETS. MOSCOW TRIED TO OBTAIN TRADE TREATY LAST YEAR BUT THAIS PUT SOVIETS OFF. CURRENT SOVIET-THAI TRADE IS NEGLIGIBLE AND THERE IS NO FORMAL AGREEMENT. CURRENT THAI EMPHASIS ON 'INDEPENDENCE' MAY BE PARTLY FOR PURPOSE OF BUILDING UP THAI BARGAINING POSITION IN TALKS WITH MAXWELL TAYLOR, WHO ARRIVES BANGKOK LATER THIS WEEK.

5. A FIVE-MAN DELEGATION FROM JAPAN RULING LIBERAL-DEMOCRAT PARTY DEPARTING FOR PEIPING 12 SEPT AT CHICOM INVITATION TO EXPLORE TRADE AND AGRICULTURAL AID POSSIBILITIES.

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A SECOND GROUP OF LIBERAL-DEMOCRATS, INCLUDING JAP
INDUSTRIAL REPS, PLANS A FOLLOW-UP IN MID-OCTOBER.

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